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LETTER

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY,

TRANSMITTING

*A STATEMENT*

OF

CONTRACTS MADE BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE NAVY

DURING

THE YEAR 1817.

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JANUARY 7, 1818.

Read, and ordered to lie upon the table.

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## NAVY DEPARTMENT,

JANUARY 6th, 1818.

SIR,

I have the honor of transmitting, herewith, a statement of the contracts made by the Commissioners of the Navy, during the year 1817; prepared in obedience to the act of the 3d of March, 1809, entitled "An act further to amend the several acts for the establishment and regulation of the Treasury, War, and Navy Departments."

I have the honor to be,

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

B. W. CROWNINSHIELD.

*Hon. the Speaker  
of the House of Representatives.*

NAVY DEPARTMENT

January 26, 1892

SIR

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 24th inst. in relation to the proposed purchase of the ship "Albatross" for the service of the Navy, during the year 1892, and in answer to inform you that the same has been referred to the proper authorities for their consideration. It is not further to be decided until the next session of the Legislature, and in the meantime the ship will remain in the service of the Treasury, War, and Navy Departments.

I have the honor to be,

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

B. W. CROVINGFIELD

Very truly yours,

Wm. H. Hunt



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Of the Contracts made by the Commissioners of the Navy, in 1817....Continued.

Names of the Contractors.	Date of Contracts.	Articles contracted for.	Price of articles.	When to be delivered.	Where to be delivered.
Sweepson Whitehead	1817. Sept. 17	130,250 superficial feet yellow pine plank, for a frigate 233,250 superficial feet white oak plank for ditto 484 white oak root knees, for a frigate Yellow pine beams, ledges, long combings, and promiscu- ous yellow pine and white oak Lower masts Topmasts, lower yards, and topsail yards Oak plank and thick stuff, required for tops, caps, &c.	\$ 3 per hundred superficial feet \$ 3 per ditto ditto 45 cents per inch sided 38 cents per cubic foot 60 cents per ditto 3½ pence Virginia currency, per inch \$ 3 per hundred superficial feet	Within twelve months	Navy yard, Gosport, Va.
Ralph Bulkley	.. 23	Transportation of timber from New York to Washington, and from Norfolk to New York	11 cents per cubic foot 10 cents per ditto		
James Murphy	.. 27	359,600 superficial feet oak plank for a seventy four 233,250 ditto ditto for a forty-four	4 cents per foot, inch measure \$ 2 66½ per hundred superficial feet \$ 17 75 per barrel \$ 13 per do		
James Brisban	Novem. 1	1,500 barrels of pork 500 barrels of beef 1,100 barrels of bread	\$ 4 50 for every hundred pounds \$ 124 per ton \$ 118 ditto	The ensuing winter & spring When required May 27, 1818 Ditto	Navy yard, New York. Georgetown, District Col. Baltimore. Ditto.
William M'Kenney	.. 7	60 tons of best American iron 44 ditto ditto	5½ cents per pound 6¼ ditto 7½ ditto 3¾ ditto 12½ ditto 20 ditto		
Charles Ridgely	.. 26	21,926 pounds of bread 12,133 pounds prime salt beef 10,733 do do pork 3,466 pounds of flour 1,300 pounds of cheese 433 pounds of butter 433 gallons of peas 216½ gallons of molasses 216½ gallons of vinegar 1,516½ gallons of whiskey	50 cts. ditto 87½ ditto		
G. Sanford and R. S. Reed	Decem. 1			As required	Erie, Pennsylvania.



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Joel Bunce . . . .	1817. January	1 All the rations that shall be required for the United States' marines, stationed at the United States' navy yard, N. Y.	20 cents per ration . . . .	As required, during 1817	U. S. navy yard, New York.
Edward Stone . . . .	..	6 500 barrels of pork . . . . .	19 dollars per barrel . . . .	Within forty days . .	Washington City.
Henry Eckford . . . .	..	10 One complete frame of live oak timber, cut to moulds, for a ship of the line, and one complete frame of live oak timber, cut to moulds, for a frigate, and all the promiscuous live oak timber, required for chocks, fillings, and such like purposes, for the said two frames . . . .	155 cents per cubic foot, for the frame of the ship of the line, and 142½ cents per cubic foot, for the frame of the frigate, and 100 cents per cubic foot for the promiscuous timber required for the two frames	Within twelve months	U. S. navy yard, New York.
William Bowhay . . . .	..	27 The right of making, using, &c. for the use of the navy of the United States, a machine, invented and patented by him, called Bowhay's Dowelling Machine . . . .	100 dollars		
Isaac S. Middleton . . . .	March	19 Building a warehouse, and furnishing materials . . . .	3,210 dollars . . . . .	September 1, 1817 . .	Washington City.
Thomas Spalding . . . .	April	2 One complete frame of live oak timber, cut to moulds, for a frigate . . . . .	142½ cents per cubic foot . . . .	Within twelve months . .	Navy yard, New York.
Robert E. Griffith . . . .	..	5 Copper rods for bolts and spikes, sheathing copper, and copper sheathing nails, 391,233 lbs. . . . .	26 cents per pound . . . .	Within twelve months . .	Philadelphia.
William M'Kenney . . . .	..	9 500 barrels of bread . . . . .	\$ 6 75 for each 100 pounds	May 1, 1817 . . . .	Georgetown, District Col.
Thomas Foyles . . . .	..	700 ditto . . . . .	\$ 7 00 ditto . . . .		
	..	10 All the rations that may be required of him, for the use of the marines of the United States, stationed at headquarters, in the City of Washington	20 cents per ration . . . .	{ As required, from 10th April, 1817, to the 9th April, 1818 . . }	Washington City.
Nathaniel Wattles . . . .	May	4 Freight of naval stores from the navy yard, Washington, to Gibraltar, &c. . . . .	\$ 1 25 per barrel		
A. Butt, Peter Herron, J Hopkins, W. Truss, Thurner Hoggard, & C. Grice. }	June	359 600 feet of oak plank for a seventy-four . . . .	\$ 3 per hundred superficial feet . .	Within twelve months	Navy yard, Gosport, Va.
		7 232,250 feet of yellow pine plank for ditto . . . .	\$ 3 do do do . . . .		
		Also the white oak root knees, yellow pine beams, ledges, and long combings, and the promiscuous yellow pine and white oak for a 74; and the lower masts, topmasts, lower yards, and topsail yards, and the oak plank and thick-stuff for tops, caps, trestle-trees, &c. required for a line of battle ship.	50 cents per inch sided for the oak root knees . . . . .		
			38 cents per cubic foot for the yellow pine beams, ledges, long combings, and promiscuous yellow pine and white oak . . . . .		
			4½ pence Virginia currency, per inch, for the lower masts . . . .		
			3½ pence Virginia currency, per inch, for the topmasts, lower yards, and topsail yards . . . . .		
			\$ 3 per 100 superficial feet, for the oak plank and thick stuff required for tops, caps, &c. . . . .		



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	1817.				
Elijah Swift . . .	June	9 One complete frame of live oak timber, cut to moulds, for a ship of the line . . . . .	155 cents per cubic foot . . . . .	Within 24 months . . . . .	At such navy yard as the commissioners of the navy may direct.
Nathaniel P. Tatem . . .	..	9 130,250 superficial feet of yellow pine plank for a frigate 233,250 superficial feet white oak plank for a frigate 484 white oak root knees . . . . . Yellow pine beams . . . . . Lower masts . . . . . Topmasts, lower yards, and topsail yards . . . . . Oak plank and thick stuff for tops, caps, and trestle-trees . . . . .	\$ 3 per hundred superficial feet . . . . . Ditto . . . . . 45 cents per inch sided . . . . . 38 cents per cubic foot . . . . . 60 cents per cubic foot . . . . . 3½ pence Virginia currency, per inch . . . . . \$ 3 per hundred superficial feet . . . . .	Within twelve months . . . . .	Navy yard, Gosport, Va.
John F. Tice . . .	..	10 Keel, and keelson pieces, for one line of battle ship, of Jersey white oak . . . . .	\$ 1 per cubic foot . . . . .	August 16, 1817 . . . . .	Navy yard, Brooklyn, N. Y.
Ebenezer Thompson . . .	..	16 700 white oak knees, for a line of battle ship . . . . . 484 ditto do for a frigate . . . . .	50 cents per inch sided . . . . .	April 10, 1817 . . . . .	Navy yard, Portsmouth, N. Hampshire.
Hugh Lindsey . . .	August	29 One complete frame of live oak timber, cut to moulds, for a ship of the line . . . . .	155 cents per cubic foot . . . . .	January 1, 1819 . . . . .	At such navy yard as the commissioners of the navy may direct.
William Cammack . . .	September	1 One complete frame of live oak, cut to moulds, for a frigate 359,600 superficial feet oak plank for a seventy four 232,250 superficial feet yellow pine plank . . . . . 700 oak root knees . . . . . Yellow pine beams, ledges, long combings, and promiscuous yellow pine and white oak . . . . . Lower masts . . . . . Topmasts, lower yards, and topsail yards . . . . . Oak plank and thick stuff, required for tops, caps, &c. . . . .	142½ cents per cubic foot . . . . . \$ 3 per hundred superficial feet . . . . . \$ 3 ditto do . . . . . 50 cents per inch sided . . . . . 38 cents per cubic foot . . . . . 4½ pence Virginia currency, per inch . . . . . 3½ pence ditto ditto . . . . . \$ 3 per hundred superficial feet . . . . . \$ 3 20 per hundred ditto . . . . . 35 cents per cubic foot . . . . . \$ 3 per hundred superficial feet . . . . . Ditto ditto . . . . . 50 cents per inch sided . . . . . 38 cents per cubic foot . . . . . 4½ pence Vir. currency, per inch sided . . . . . 3½ pence ditto ditto . . . . . \$ 3 per hundred superficial feet . . . . .	Within twelve months . . . . .	Navy yard, Gosport, Va.
Athanasius Fenwick . . .	..	5 Oak plank and thick stuff for a seventy-four . . . . . Promiscuous white oak timber ditto . . . . .	\$ 3 20 per hundred ditto . . . . . 35 cents per cubic foot . . . . .	January 1, 1818 . . . . .	Navy yard, Washington City
Sweepson Whitehead . . .	..	17 359,600 superficial feet oak plank for a seventy-four 332,250 superficial feet yellow pine plank ditto . . . . . 700 oak root knees, for a seventy-four . . . . . Yellow pine beams, ledges, long combings, and promiscuous yellow pine and white oak . . . . . Lower masts . . . . . Topmasts, lower yards, and topsail yards . . . . . Oak plank and thick stuff, required for tops, caps, &c. . . . .	\$ 3 per hundred superficial feet . . . . . Ditto ditto . . . . . 50 cents per inch sided . . . . . 38 cents per cubic foot . . . . . 4½ pence Vir. currency, per inch sided . . . . . 3½ pence ditto ditto . . . . . \$ 3 per hundred superficial feet . . . . .	Within twelve months . . . . .	Navy yard, Gosport, Va.